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Designating November 12, 1988, as "National Firefighters Day".

Whereas there are over 2,000,000 professional and volunteer firefighters in the United States;

Whereas firefighters responded to over 2,300,000 fires and 8,700,000 emergencies other than fires in 1984;

Whereas fires annually cause approximately 6,000 deaths and \$10,000,000,000 worth of property damage;

Whereas firefighters have given their lives and risked injury to preserve the lives of others and to protect our Nation's property;

Whereas the contributions and sacrifices of our valiant firefighters often go unreported and are inadequately recognized by the public; and

Whereas the work of firefighters deserves the attention and gratitude of all Americans: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That November 12, 1988, is designated as "National Firefighters Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved November 10, 1988.

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